

## **In God We Trust!**

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Text: 2 Kings 18:5-7 KJVS

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Intro:

The history of this phrase is first used;

In 1860, the phrase was used in the coat of arms of New Westminster, Canada.

Before it was used as a motto, the American Civil War, in 1862. In December 1863, Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury decided on a new motto, "In God We Trust," to engrave on U.S. coins.

During the Cold War era, the government of the United States sought to distinguish itself from the Soviet Union, which promoted state atheism and thus implemented antireligious legislation.[28] The 84th Congress passed a joint resolution "declaring IN GOD WE TRUST the national motto of the United States". The resolution passed both the House and the Senate unanimously and without debate.[29][30] H.R. 619, a bill that required that the inscription "In God we trust" appear on all paper and coin currency, was signed into law by President Eisenhower on July 30, 1956.[31][32] The United States Code at 36 U.S.C. § 302, now states: "In God we trust' is the national motto."

According to a 2003 joint poll by USA Today, CNN, and Gallup, 90% of Americans support the inscription "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

a Lost motto... we cannot lose the essence of this, rather to trust on riches, on military might, on advance science and technology, we cannot forget that the very foundation of these two great nations is Jesus Christ and our Trust on Him. IN GOD WE TRUST.

Body:

Prov.30:8b-9 ...give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.

9Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you  
and say, 'Who is the Lord?'

Or I may become poor and steal,  
and so dishonor the name of my God.

— In a culture cultivated with having more, to have stocks of months or weeks worth of goods, to have in abundance and to never be in shortage, this verse in a proverb, may seem hard to utter.

— But this proverb of a wise man, had made a conscious decision to live in the balance.

Proverbs 30:8-9 KJVS

[8] ...give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: [9] Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord ? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

— for the sake of relationship enough is, enough.

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When a man trusts on riches it is hard for his heart to reach out to God.

Mark 10:23-24 KJVS

[23] And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! [24] And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

It is not a Richness issue, it is a trust issue!

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There Two Kinds of Trials that comes into the life of man:

1. One trial comes to see if we will trust Him.

Genesis 12:1-4 KJVS

[1] Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: [2] And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: [3] And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. [4] So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

25 years of waiting will prove your trust on God Almighty!

if we can graduate here the next trial brings us to the next level of trust.

2. The next trial comes to see if He can trust us.

Genesis 22:12 KJVS

[12] And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for NOW I KNOW that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

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James 1:2-4 KJVS

[2] My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; [3] Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. [4] But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 5:11 KJVS

[11] Behold, we count them happy which endure. YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE PATIENCE (waiting, constancy, endurance) of JOB, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

El Shadday - mentioned the most in the book of Job, over 30

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There is strength in numbers but we don't trust in numbers!

IN GOD WE TRUST ,

for..

ONE IS GREATER THAN MANY.

and..

YOU AND GOD IS ALWAYS THE MAJORITY.

Judges 7:2-6 KJVS

[2] And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. [3] Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. [4] And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I WILL TRY THEM for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. [5] So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou

set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. [6] And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

These three hundred proven people are the same people who pursued with Gideon though they were very very tired and exhausted!

Judges 8:4 KJVS

[4] And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them.

The others....

Judges 8:5-6,8 KJVS

[5] And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian. [6] And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? [8] And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered him.

If you get me results then I will give you bread, then maybe then I can trust you! TRUST ISSUE!

Mighty Men of valour, and BRAVE WOMEN are the people who can TRUST God in the time battle and trials!

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The Lord didn't love us because of numbers, but because He just simply love us & Because He is faithful.

Deuteronomy 7:7-9 KJVS

[7] The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: [8] But because the LORD LOVED YOU, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. [9] Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, THE FAITHFUL GOD, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

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David's later life..

Absalom,

Sheba,  
Three year famine,  
War with the Giants in an old age,

with extreme pressure David still found time to praise and worship God, chap. 22..

But David slipped out and had delight in Numbers rather than staying true to his preaching,  
Delight thyself in the Lord, not in numbers but to the Lord that multiplies and blesses.

2 Samuel 24:1-4,9-18,21,24-25 KJVS

[1] And again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. [2] For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, THAT I MAY KNOW THE NUMBER. [3] And Joab said unto the king, Now the Lord thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an HUNDREDFOLD, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it : but why doth my lord the king DELIGHT in this thing? [4] Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. [9] And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. [10] And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the Lord, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O Lord, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. [11] For when David was up in the morning, the word of the Lord came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, [12] Go and say unto David, Thus saith the Lord, I offer thee three things ; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. [13] So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. [14] And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the Lord ; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man. [15] So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba SEVENTY THOUSAND men. [16] And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is ENOUGH: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. [17] And David spake unto the Lord when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house. [18] And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite. [21] And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the people. [24] And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the

threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. [25] And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

It is sometimes a hefty price, and we learn the hardway, that instead of trusting God we trust in horses and chariots or in the might of the batallion of fighting men.

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But there was a king in Israel like no other king, who trusted God, when numbers and all odds are against him. So great, he is one of few kings mentioned in Matthew 1's Genealogy of Jesus.

4 Things we can learn from Ezekias:

1. He trusted God, — perhaps the most notable record of him, as great as his prayer was having the Sun going backwards 10 degree.

Solomon was so great in wisdom that there was no other king like him, but Hezekiah was so great of trust that there was no king like him.

2 Kings 18:5-7 KJVS

[5] He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. [6] For he clave to the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses. [7] And the Lord was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

2. The enemy will do his best to;  
steal your hope,  
shake your faith,  
break your trust,  
destroy your confidence, and  
make you doubt, not to believe and trust God!

The enemy;

a. surrounded them, tried to overwhelm and contain them.

b. questioned their faith and tried to put a seed of doubt — 2 Kings 18:19 KJVS

[19] ...What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

2 Kings 18:20 KJVS

[20] ... whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

vs. [22] ..if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God:

c. bribed them - vs. [27] I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses,

d. insult them - hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat y their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?

2 Kings 18:17 KJVS

[17] And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.

3. He led God's peopke to trusting him.

2 Kings 18:29-32,34-36 KJVS

[29] Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: [30] Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. [31] Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern: [32] Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The Lord will deliver us. [34] Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? [35] Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand? [36] But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

4. He SPREAD his needs before the Lord!

2 Kings 19:3,14,35 KJVS

[3] And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the BIRTH, and there is not strength to bring forth. [14] And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the Lord, and SPREAD it before the Lord. [35] And it came to pass that night, that the ANGEL of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand, 185,000: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

if we can trust God There is no pestilence lock down or any situation that can keep you, but the Lord shall deliver us out of them all!

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God Reliance is what the Lord wants..

Paul —

== 2 Timothy 4:7-8 KJVS

[7] I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: [8] Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

== 1 Corinthians 15:10 KJVS

[10] But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Psalm 91:1-2 KJVS

[1] He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. [2] I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.